

million barrels a day from Saddam Hussein.

So if the President was to do that, it would be a terrible travesty; it would be wrong for the people and wrong for Alaska. But, most of all, it would be wrong for the people that are buying oil from abroad.

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, what is missing from all of this discussion is the fact that all of us, every American, is interested in environmental quality. We do not want anything but clean air and clean water and a good area in which to live. But we are in a state of almost-crisis now where we have to talk about survival and meeting the needs of the American family.

I am talking about the basic needs of the American family. That is why we have to put the environmental concerns on an equal balance, not on a priority, and try to develop our resources as we need them.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, we can do both. As the gentleman from Pennsylvania knows, in Alaska we have a bigger caribou herd, more wildlife, a better environment just from the development of Prudhoe. And I say this can happen again in ANWR.

But more than that, if we want to see environmental damage, do not have the energy available and keep being dependent upon those countries overseas.

I keep stressing the fact that now, this year, remember gas was \$2 per

thousand cubic feet last year; this year, right today, it is \$9.42. That means the average home buying gas today, their heating bill will go up 300 percent this winter. And that is a jolt economically, and it also means we are running out of natural gas because we have not been allowed to develop those fields in the lower 48.

So Alaska has got gas and we want to sell it to you, but the fact is we ought to be developing those gas fields in Wyoming, Montana, New Mexico, and, yes, in Pennsylvania, they have gas in Pennsylvania, and go after those fields so we can have it available for the constituents that my colleague and I serve.

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, we are not adverse to developing a plan of tax incentives to give our fellow Americans, the entrepreneurs, the incentive to go ahead and drill where they might fail; but we ought to give them that incentive to do so and to otherwise bring technology into place for the development of all these resources.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman for doing this tonight on the floor of the House. I do appreciate his bringing this to light.

He is from Pennsylvania. I am from Alaska. We recognize the need for an energy policy. Hopefully this new Congress and with the new President, this Nation will come forth with an energy

policy that can deliver the needed Btus to every family and improve the way we live today and not have anyone suffer.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 13 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS) at 12 o'clock and 56 minutes a.m.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House will be in order.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 57 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

NOTICE

Incomplete record of House proceedings. Except for concluding business which follows, today's House proceedings will be continued in the next issue of the Record.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

11364. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a response to Section 216 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, P.L. 105-85 regarding the Global Hawk Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

11365. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Food Labeling, Safe Handling Statements, Labeling of Shell Eggs; Refrigeration of Shell Eggs Held for Retail Distribution [Docket Nos. 98N-1230, 96P-0418, and 97P-0197] (RIN: 0910-AB30) received December 13, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11366. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allocations, FM Broadcast Stations (Darby and STEVENSVILLE, Montana) [MM Docket No. 99-220; RM-9601; RM-9636] received December 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11367. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—

Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allocations, FM Broadcast Stations (McCook, Nebraska) [MM Docket No. 00-82; RM-9841] received December 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11368. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allocations, FM Broadcast Stations (Des Moines, New Mexico) [MM Docket No. 00-66; RM-9842] received December 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11369. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting a report on Proposing Remedies For California Wholesale Electric Markets and a report on Western Markets and the Causes of the Summer 2000 Price Abnormalities; to the Committee on Commerce.

11370. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

11371. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting the semiannual reports to the Congress of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's Executive Director and the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 2000, through September 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen.

Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11372. A letter from the Executive Director, District of Columbia Retirement Board, transmitting the personal financial disclosure statements of Board members, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-732 and 1-734(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11373. A letter from the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, transmitting a report on the failure of the National Security Council to provide access to certain documents to the General Accounting Office, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 716(b)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11374. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee For Purchase From People Who Are Blind Or Severely Disabled, transmitting the Committee's final rule—Additions to and Deletions from the Procurement List—received December 12, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11375. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the report on the Federal Trade Commission's Report of Final Actions for the period ending September 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11376. A letter from the Vice President for Legal Affairs, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary, Legal Services Corporation, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 2000, through September 30, 2000, and the corresponding report